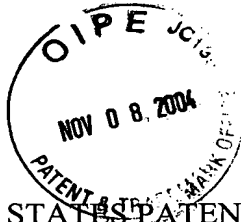


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SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement dated September 21, 2004, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 1-10, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 315 for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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